VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE ON TIMELY TOPICS

WHY SHE OBJECTS TO THE RETIREMENT PLAN needed editorial utterance on the subject of the need of chaperors. The idea

Wife of Department Employe Speaks.

Brown, of Chicago.' The bill is his official

military employe, who in these days of peace see little war, and who have not received disability nor wound, then it is just to retire civil employes with pay from the same fund. The civilian recruits have constituted the bulk and strength of our country in every war we have won. The soldier of ninety days' service or his widow is pensioned from a tax on all the people. The civilian, under the com-pulsory plan, is retired from a tax levied on himself, which pension dies with him, with practically no provision for his widow. Why should a large tax be levied our reward will be. on a few individuals to meet retirement pay for civilians similar to that paid naval and military men by the whole

Many government employes are trying to buy homes on salaries now received. If a \$1,600 clerk, in making time payments of \$30 per month on his home, and the compulsory plan deducts approximately children. compulsory plan deducts approximately

to meet the notes? seemed far sweeter than compulsory labor committees, juvenile courts,

Heartily Commends Retirement Plan

to the efficient employes who are paying nored. the cost of the pensions now. Congress is derelict in not taking advantage of the benefit of the knowledge thrust upon it in 1906 by Hon, William H. Taft, who at that time was at the head of the War

Department for the knowledge thrust upon it My lot is a sad one, I'm no longer living;
My corpse, yet unburied, refuses to down;
But haunts the old places wherein in my lifetime Department, for if the record is gone over carefully by any person who will take the same trouble that the Secretary did at the time it will be seen as a That I'm merely a has-been, unfitted for else than That I'm merely a has-been, unfitted for else than the secretary did not be found. purely business, money-saving proposition a bill caring for those who have outlived their usefulness should have The Good Book had taught us some sentiment been placed on the statute books at that time. The character of the bill I do not feel competent to urge, but a measure should have been passed then, in which some kind of a provision should have been made, so that the heads of have been made, so that the heads of the various departments could recommend those who they individually deemed superannuated, and could turn them over to a board, who, in turn, would make whatever provision Congress decided, thether it was much or little of a pen-

ments that have been proposed and have been successful in benefiting mankind, those that were the most worthy cost the pioneers or leaders in such movement lots of energy and sacrifice. No great thing can be accomplished without

It can be done, of course, but the real cost would have to be paid in the future, when an incompetent class had en-tered the service and the fruits of in-competency had to be paid for. Congress You must know, of course, how we all appreciate the fine spirit in which your of those who are now receiving the lowest salaries, but it cannot get the fine spirit in which your the right class to eather the service unless it in paper has been working in the interest of securing a retiring pension for government clerist, May I call your attention to another good work that awaits your bear the lower grades now will in a few yours be called to take the ligher places, and they must be of good stuff. There should be action on this matter by the present Congress. In fact, the law should be resent Congress that it is to place the more now would ever think of a movement of not to compel government clerist in the lower grades now will in a few your hand. We have heard much of a movement on foot to compel government service will do a been working condition, and it will be successory.

A change in railway rates over a broad part of the weiter sing the government service will date the fine spirit in which your band to take the fine spirit in which your band to take the spiral to take the place of the cause of the united states and beleves agon the President of only two weeks agon the President of only two weeks agon the President of the United States declared in a public byte that no leaves that no way favorable. The one of the United States declared in a public byte that no leaves that no would ever think of the United States declared in a public byte of the United States declared in a public byte of the United States declared in a public byte of the United States declared in a public byte of the United States declared in a public byte of united states will conduct the surface of the united shows and in the surface of securing a return the government cerity will evers whether that the government service will do a term than the government service will don't be united that the proper work one of the united shows and in the surface of the united sho

Will Help All Clerks.

Editor The Washington Herald: Every one interested in the retirement question should thank you publicly for your presentation of the case recently. The numbered arguments for the contribptory plan are unanswerable. As No. 3 sylvania avenue there has been for some observed, "To be compelled to save a months a sign stating that there is the small percentage of salary each year, cannot be considered a hardship by any civil service employe." Those who already save a little will never object to the only reason why Mr. Chase is moving the plan, while those who do not save—
even a dollar—are so childish and improperty has been condemned by the govprovident that their protests deserve no ernment, according to its plan of improv-consideration. It is often said that, "an ing Pennsylvania avenue. I can not see old head on young shoulders" is a sad what advantage Mr. Chase is to gain by thing, but it is more pitiable to see a moving just one block, for surely, if young head on old shoulders. With these improvements are to go on he will

LOAN SOCIETIES.



ON DIAMONDS. A Philanthropic Institution ...\$1,000,000

"What legal right," asks the wife of and amount of work required that he is an employe in the classified service, already unable to give his children the

given? Is it not a peculiar situation that enter high school, from 25 to 28 per cent not go out unaccompanied, especially a man or woman mentally competent to of these complete the course, making only after night has fallen, it would, I am a man or woman mentally competent to of these complete the course, making only transact governmental work should need that government as a guardian of his private investments?

The above is great control of the sound of these complete the course, making only after night has fallen, it would, I am sure, prove highly beneficial to the moral tone of Washington. I hope you will keep the good work up.

When the called the course, was great control of the sound of the many excellent utterances of the many excellent utterances of the dittor on the subject of religion. "Quoting from report of Committee on Reform in the Civil Service, This bill in wages and this percentage will lessen. its present form is largely the result of More young girls will have to become investigations and reports of Herbert D. bread-winners instead of learning in the Brows, of Chicago. The bill is his official home to be bread-makers and home-Brown, of Chicago.' The bill is his official summary. Will Mr. Brown publicly state his private opinion as to whether he or any true American wants a self-constituted guardian to dictate the disposal of his personal earnings or private affairs?' be taught to see it and understand it,' riders. It becomes more and more apparant to dictate the disposal of the day. People space themselves along, three or four inches spart, while others the majority of car riders. It becomes more and more apparant to dictate the disposal of the day. People space themselves along, three or four inches spart, while others the majority of car riders. It becomes more and more apparant to dictate the disposal of the day. People space themselves along, three or four inches spart, while others If it is right to retire the naval and

dren raised to become good citizens. If the government cannot meet its obligations through other channels, then allow he employe his wages in full to raise

\$15 per month from his present salary. how will he meet his payments? Would funds, or pay a wage that permits more not his home revert to the real estate than daily existence, and let Congress dealer when he had only half the money pass a special bill for the aged now under consideration, to be paid from such "Would the compulsory savings plan be in accord with the principles of our Constitution, which gives to each 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?" The colored slave, serving a good "marster," knew he would be cared for in old age, but freedom, with its uncertainties of the patriotic societies child age, but freedom, with its uncertainties. age, but freedom, with its uncertainties, dren. Let the patriotic societies, child cational associations, child study clubs, "The average government clerk receives all organizations for welfare of children to-day so little in ratio to cost of living help these American-born girls and boys."

Let Everybody Sign It.

Editor The Washington Herald I want to thank you for the interest | On Monday the petitions urging Conyou have taken in the civil service regress to take some action looking to the to call your attention to an authentic Indian mother gathers a few bright bertirement question, on behalf of the super-annuated employes, the efficient em-in the District of Columbia is to be cir-Day, May 30. In an article in The Wash-from the pinon or fresh green twigs from the pinon or fresh green twigs matter that should interest every one who has the welfare of the country at heart. There are very many things to be considered in this connection but the considered in this connection but the learning of the country at heart. There are very many things to be considered in this connection but the learning dress of the pines departments in the District. Won't you have altered through the various governmental ington Herald on "To-day in History," you say: "In 1869 Gen. John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, changed the date to war of the rebellion, older than the Mexbe considered in this connection, but the principal ones are those stated by one of the clerks in the office of the Auditor for the Interior Department.

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War of the considered in this connection, but the principal ones are those stated by one of the clerk, every government employe to sign this petition early, so that Congress may be assured by the unanimous voice of the clerks that some action gan did not do anything of the kind. He says that the clerks who are in the present session of Congress. If the favor of the assessment plan are right, petition can go to Congress with 20,000 but the pay should certainly be increased signatures it can hardly be entirely ig-

As waste, on humanity's dump to be flung.

Alas, that cold mantle-I'm chilled to the spine!

To rise on the ladder will often incite Through many a skirmish and siege of endurance I tried to come up to the scratch, till bereft Of youth and of strength; now, instead of a pension I find myself placed midst the government's left!

It is absolute waste of time to talk of working a system without any cost to the United States. Of all the move-

Ah! well—but, I'm dead!—I'd forgot I am numbered With those whom the grave brings a scanty relief; I will hence to my couch, though it be aught but 'Tis the only receptacle death offers grief! T. H. FITNAM.

Brain vs. Manual Labor.

Editor The Washington Herald:

You must know, of course, how we all witness the great corporations' actions in as ours been compared, in any such way, dealing with this question. But let every man use his own gumption. Do you not get better work from a class of well-cared for laborers than from a class poorly cared for? JOSEPH W. BUCK. done a life's work in fighting for their country, and surely the hours we now have to work are long enough. Please investigate this matter and oblige, HENRY BASTIEN.

Improving the Avenue.

Editor The Washington Herald: Conspicuous on the south side of Pennthanks for the help your paper has given have to move again when that property the cause.

L. APPLETON. is condemned. Or does this sign of Mr. Chase's indicate that he has inside in-formation to the effect that Congress is going to abandon the plan for improving the south side of the Avenue? I should like to know about this.

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Washington Herald. mptions made from pawn- sylvania avenue. The government's plan

Largest Morning Circulation.

Editor The Washington Herald: I desire to thank you for your muchject of the need of chaperons. The idea and proper for them to gad about the streets and to loiter on the street corners, subject to the gibes and insuits of the young men who make insulting their "What legal right," asks the wife of and amount of work required that he is already unable to give his children the same advantages of their forefathers. This city is beautiful, filled with unsurpassed educational advantages; but what specified wages to withhold a part of such wages ander the compulsory savings plan, Has any employer the right to withhold wages agreed for equitable labor given? Is it not a peculiar situation that given? Is it not a peculiar situation that their mothers who make insulting their business, is abominable. Most girls now-adays think that they know so much better than their mothers what is good for them, and it is a pleasure to be able to back up the discipline of the home with the support of a paper like The bills? We understand only 20 per cent of children from the elementary schools only insist that their daughters should not come in and amount of work required that he is already unable to give his children the business, is abominable. Most girls now-adays think that they know so much better than their mothers what is good for them, and it is a pleasure to be able to back up the discipline of the home with the support of a paper like The bills? We understand only 20 per cent of children from the elementary schools only insist that their daughters should write there on earth. It is time to realize mather that their business, is abominable. Most girls now-adays think that they know so much better than their mothers what is good for them, and it is a pleasure to be able to back up the discipline of the home business, is abominable. Most girls now-adays think that they know so much better than their mothers what is good for the realize and on how to him business, is abominable. Most girls now-adays think that they know so much better than their mothers while yet here on earth. It is time to realize that the kingdom of heaven is at hand; it is to be able to bia while yet here on earth. It is time to realize that the kingdom of heaven is at hand; it is to be auditable. The business, is

Remedy in Crowded Cars.

Editor The Washington Herald: There is decided room for improvement have seen, ever remonstrate with any show of selfishness.

And, as the editor of The Washington Herald remarks, "It is time to realize show of selfishness.

give them orders to help the unthinking public to greater thoughtfulness. The thoughtful public will not need the suggestion.

Mrs. MARY BELLA.

When He declared that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. It really and literally is at hand, if we can only be taught to see it and understand it."

ALBERT S. PIERCE.

Editor The Washington Herald: For the new idea is this: That no longer may the church content itself with the saving of souls; it of young girls imagining it is all right saving of men. Instead of dealing with dry texts and proper for them to god about the recognize that the best way to fit its pupils for a

during the present great convention.

When the editor says, "It is time to realize that Christ was not dealing in kingdom of heaven is at hand. It really There is decided room for improvement and literally and literally is at hand, if we can only in the attitude of the majority of car riders. It becomes more and more apparent that thoughtlessness is the order of

Rut we trust that the company will when He declared that the kingdom of

WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS?

The Washington Herald desires to open its columns to the freest possible expression of views by its readers on all timely topics, and space is set aside for this purpose in each Monday's issue. But it is absolutely necessary that communications be brief and to the point, and that the names of the writers be signed.

No attention is given to anonymous contributions. Countless letters are received which are rendered unavailable for use by their length.

A communication exceeding 200 words can rarely be given space. Keep this limit in mind.

Say what you have to say in few words, and your views, whether the editor agrees with them or not, will always be welcomed.

Remember, Monday is the day for the people to be heard from.

History of Memorial Day. Editor The Washington Herald:

Just to keep history straight, I desire

He established the date, May 30, of each "Decoration Day;" he did not change it.

The real history of our present Memorial Day, as recorded by Gen. Logan's adjutant general, N. P. Chipman, of a war.

Instituted Memorial Day for the nation' dead, May 5, 1868, a ceremonial never be fore observed by any people for the deal of a war.

ISABEL WORRELL BALL. is as follows: "Early in the spring of 1868, Adjt. Gen. Chipman received a letter from some comrade of his then livferred to the fact that he had served as private soldier in the Union army. He nen said that in his native country, suggested that the Grand Army of the Republic inaugurate such an observance memory of the Union dead. Gen.

reme Northern States.

never outward swing. In the dry and sandy deserts and in the mountain fast-nesses of our own country, where real

May 30."

As a matter of fact, Gen. John A. Lo
ican war, older than the Revolutionary war. In fact, they are almost as old as war of the rebellion, older than the Mex-The fact stands boldly out, however succeeding year for what was then called that Commander-in-chief John A. Logan instituted Memorial Day for the nation's

fore observed by any people for the dead ISABEL WORRELL BALL Washington as Exposition City.

Editor The Washington Herald If Washington City is to be selected as the site for the proposed exposition in celebration of the Panama Canal opening Germany, it was the custom of the people five years hence, it is time our people to assemble in the springtime and scatter were getting down to work to provide ways and means. I would suggest the formation of a stock company, to issue 100,000 shares at \$50 each, payable in five Chipman thought the suggestion most annual installments of \$10 each. This opportune, and at once made a rough would find popular subscription among lraft of a general order covering this our citizens and business men, should be subject and laid it, with the letter from promptly taken, and would provide at the comrade referred to, before Gen. Lo-least a good nest-egg for the enterprise gan. They selected May 30 with the to start with At present there is no to start with. At present there is no Line committee and specifically by filing disturbances and who are doing their utbecause of their poetical associations, really good site for a world's fair at and also to make it late in the last Washington. What is the matter with spring month that it may be possible to Congress buying a big tract in some good find flowers in the New England and ex- location adjoining the District, the name It seems strange now that many of the permanent series of State and foreign old soldiers at first doubted the wisdom buildings, so as to serve the purpose of instituting such an observance, and a world's fair with exhibits of industrial the government in the past and by a there was a general howl from the public at large. It was claimed that it would appliances, aviation meets, automobile the government in the past and by a long course of previous and undisputed unnecessarily keep alive memories of the war and foster animosities that should be buried in oblivion. Other objections were made to the expense, and that the money for music and flowers could be more wisely spent on the living.

Acc. Such an enterprise would castly make our Capital City the most interesting and popular on earth for vismanner selected. The Western Trunk Line committee has been in existence for years, its meetings have openly taken place to prevoks and undisputed custom in presuming that no objection would be made by the government to the interesting and popular on earth for vismanner selected. The Western Trunk Line committee has been in existence for years, its meetings have openly taken It is Pagan custom Christianized. From the very earliest will take one share, and believes many history of parbarism, we find that it



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Protect the Old Soldier.

Editor The Washington Herald You are always extending your hand to those who are in need of help, and who are deserving. In the changes that are intended in the departments you will find that the old soldier is going to suffer, They don't like to dismiss him outright, but down he will go if such friends as The Washington Herald do not come to his help. The little pension that many

proof of the power of the press for public good is the noticeable result of The Washington Herald's consistent attitude toward immorality on the stage. In its department devoted to the drama, so ably edited by Mr. William Osborn, and in its editorial columns, The Washington an enigma when He declared that the Herald has been constantly striving to educate the playgoing public to appreclate the higher class of plays, and has ment cierk's children will be deprived of the moral and intellectual training necessary for the best citizenship. To meet a national obligation economically by tending to produce a semblance of sweathern's employes, by taking bread from little children or forcing a situation that tends to degeneracy of these children, whose ancestors framed and whose grandfathers and fathers have preserved our Constitution, would be a blot on our national obligation economically by tending to produce a semblance of sweathern's expected. Our conductors are a courteous set, and never, so far as I the star was as actress whose name and fame have been spreading all over the fame have been spreading all over the country within the past few years. The play blew into Washington with scarehead posters and enough breezy press notices to fill a Carnegie Library. The Washington Herald, on the morning following the opening night, gave a brief and dignified opinion of the play—not one of the violent denunciations which are so cheering to the heart of the press agent—but simply a plain statement that the play was not fit to be witnessed by persons of good taste, and that it devolved upon the public to bring about volved upon the public to bring about an uplift of the stage by withholding their presence from performances which insulted the moral intelligence of the community. Shortly after the play went to New York City, where the mayor, after witnessing one performance, de-cided that it was just a little too much for even New York, and not only immediately stopped the play, but permanently closed the theater in which the objectionable show was performing. A great deal of praise has been showered upon Mayor Gaynor for his action in this regard, but it cannot be desired the this regard, but it cannot be denied that The Washington Herald struck the first blow in the cause, and New York's ac-tion was the result of Washington's un-FRANCIS DE SALES RYAN.

Road Managers Unwise in Opposing Commerce Law.

BELIEVED CONFERENCE LEGAL ployes and a greater expense of railway operation-it is unnecess

Relied on Statement in Taft Speech of Two Weeks Ago that Joint interests that have profited from these Agreements Were Not Considered reduced rates have in no way given the Violation of the Anti-trust Law. lie Roads Not Allowed to Recoup.

New York, June 5.—The event has rates had been in effect last year as were proved that it would have been the wisest in effect in 1897 and 1898 and the railroads course-a course that so far as can be had paid the same wages and the same seen is still perfectly open-on the part prices for supplies and equipment as forof the Western railroad companies in making their proposed advance in freight rates if they had individually notified.

It is the middlemen of the country to rates if they had individually notified the Interstate Commerce Commission of all the notices at the same time by a most to bring about business depression and panic. It is of little consequence to

single agent at Washington. them, apparently, whether the railroad On the other hand it is only the event that has proved this, that is to say, the railway companies were perfectly justi-

justment of rates in the interest of ship-least the options for the future delivery pers; and it is impossible to conceive how any one can deny that if the antitrust law is held to apply to the different railway traffic associations acting in such cases as those now under discussion, then the Hepburn rate law, whose specific object was to compel the railroad companies to stop rate cutting and act companies to stop rate cutting act companies to stop rate cutting and act companies to stop rate cutting ac

figure.

It appears that up to a very short time materials. If our railway companies are before the new freight tariffs were to not to be prosperous, it cannot be extake effect the government did not at all pected that any other business or occumeditate any legal attack upon the concert of action in question. But at the and from now on possibly more attendant. last moment a ciamor was raised in Washington chiefly proceeding from the so-called "insurgent" section of the country and the government yielded to it.

The conclusion generally recommend from now on possibly more attention will be directed than has been in the past to the matter of comparative gross and net railway earnings.

For several months gross earnings and the government yielded to it. For several months gross earnings conclusion generally entertained in have been keeping up pretty well, but the financial district is almost unavoidance earnings have declined. It is unble that the government really has no settled policy in all these matters, but is following a shifting and vaciliating course dictated only by the political expediencies of the moment. pediencies of the moment. It is the general aspect of the situation though, strictly speaking, this is a prac-

that is regarded more seriously in Wall tice that is not sanctioned by the new street than anything else. Disappoint-ment and indignation are poor words to law and enforced by the Interstate Comexpress the feeling there over the fact that ignorance and selfishness prevail to there seems reason to believe that the such an extent with the people in a large part of our country that they are not only unwilling to accord fair treatment to the railway that service the falling off in railway expense, pure and to the railway that service the falling off in railway expense, pure and to the railway that service the falling off in railway expense, pure and to the railway that service the falling off in railway expense, pure and to the railway that service the falling off in railway expense, pure and to the railway that service the falling off in railway expense. to the railways that serve their section, but are unable to perceive that their refusal to do justice to the railways is in-juring themselves and the whole of the united States in the most material way.

of the increase in the wages of railway considered the increase in the wages of railway that their re-fusal to do justice to the railways is in-juring themselves and the whole of the increase in the wages of railway considered to perceive that their re-fusal to do justice to the railways is in-juring themselves and the whole of the united States in the most material way.

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